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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF ROBERT TOWNSEND

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FOR: METHODS FOR REGULATING A LYMPHOCYTE MEDIATED

IMMUNE RESPONSE BY BLOCKING COSTIMULATORY SIGNALS AND BLOCKING FLA-1 MEDIATED ADHESION IN LYMPHOCYTES

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## **RESPONSE**

Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due September 16, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.